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For : GERD Treatment Apparatus and Method

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

***The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment. The Statement makes of record in this continuation application the documents that are of record in the parent application.***

Please amend the application prior to the first Office Action and calculation of filing fee as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Cross-Related Application paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 5 as follows in clean form (the amended paragraph is also presented attached in marked-up form):

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**Clean Version of Amended Paragraph**

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**Marked-Up Version of Amended Paragraph**

This application is a continuation of co-pending US. Patent Application Serial No. 09/007,237, filed January 14, 1998 [continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/731,372, filed October 11, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/319,373, filed October 6, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/286,862, filed August 4, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/272,162, filed July 7, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/265,459, filed June 24, 1994, and is related to concurrently filed Application entitled "GERD Treatment Apparatus and Method" identified as Attorney Docket 14800-748, all with named inventor Stuart D. Edwards, and all of which are incorporated herein by reference].

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